



## BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION 2009

### Competitor Biography



#### **Spc. Michael J. Engelsgjerd**

**U.S. Army Special Operations Command**  
***Soldier of the Year***

**Current Unit of Assignment:**

C Co., 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment,  
Fort Benning, Ga.

**Time in Service:** 3 years

Spc. Michael J. Engelsgjerd serves as an 11B1V, Gun Team Leader, with C Co., 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. He has completed two deployments to Iraq, and is Airborne and Ranger qualified.



His awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (3); Army Commendation Medal (2); Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraq Combat Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Expert Infantryman's Badge; Combat Infantryman Badge; Ranger Tab; and Parachutist Badge.

Engelsgjerd is a native of Midland, Mich.